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OVERVIEW

Bleichmar Fonti & Auld LLP (“BFA” or the “Firm”) is a leading class action law firm founded in 2014 and based in New York City with additional offices in Oakland, California; Westchester, New York; and Toronto, Canada. The Firm focuses on securities fraud class actions and other investment-related matters on behalf of a wide range of domestic and international clients, including some of the largest institutional investors and asset managers in the world.

Since 2014, BFA has recovered over \$600 million for investors. This track record reflects the long and extensive experience of the Firm’s partners in the last two decades prosecuting securities class actions. Indeed, our collective experience rivals that of our peer firms – as evidenced by our recognition as a top ten firm measured by amount recovered in securities litigation in 2015 (ISS Securities Class Action Services’ Top 50 Report for 2015) and a top 15 firm in 2016 (ISS Securities Class Action Services’ Top 50 Report for 2016).

BFA’s founding partners have worked together for nearly two decades, recovering billions of dollars for investors. In the last ten years, BFA’s partners have represented lead plaintiffs in dozens of securities class actions. Our partners are supported by a team recruited for their excellence and dedication to our practice, as they carefully built a talented team who have collaborated for years, ensuring a wealth of experience to draw on for our clients.

Our attorneys are nationally recognized as leading litigators in the field of securities litigation, and our achievements have been profiled in a variety of national publications, including *The Wall Street Journal*, *The New York Times*, *Law 360*, the *National Law Journal*’s Plaintiffs’ Hot List, and the *Legal 500*. We are also frequently asked to comment on breaking developments in financial fraud, securities, and other investment-related issues.



LITIGATION HIGHLIGHTS

BFA partners have represented lead plaintiffs in dozens of securities class actions in the last decade, including the cases featured below.

The Police Retirement System of St. Louis v. Granite Construction Incorporated, et al.

- Northern District of California, No. 19-cv-04744
- Client: The Police Retirement System of St. Louis
- Lead Attorneys: Javier Bleichmar, Peter E. Borkon

Case Status:
Proposed Settlement
Pending Court
Approval

Background: Plaintiffs allege that Granite and its senior management fraudulently misrepresented the impact of several of the company's largest joint venture construction projects on Granite's business. Specifically, plaintiffs assert that Granite and its senior management understated the significant cost overruns and schedule delays that the Company was experiencing as well as their impact on Granite's financial statements.

BFA's Role: BFA is sole Lead Counsel for Court-appointed Lead Plaintiff the Police Retirement System of St. Louis.

Status: The Court appointed the Police Retirement System of St. Louis on November 26, 2019 and approved its choice of BFA as Lead Counsel on January 16, 2020. BFA filed an amended complaint on February 20, 2020. In May 2020, Judge Alsup denied defendants' motion to dismiss. In January 2021, Judge Alsup certified the class, naming the Police Retirement System of St. Louis as class representative and Bleichmar Fonti & Auld LLP as class counsel. After beginning discovery and taking a number of depositions, the parties reached a \$129 million settlement. This settlement was reached following three rounds of mediation totaling 20 hours of mediation, including the last round lasting 11 hours. The Court granted preliminary approval of the settlement on October 6, 2021.

Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan Board, et al v. Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd. et al.

- District of Connecticut, No. 17-cv-00558
- Clients: Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan Board and Anchorage Police and Fire Retirement System
- Lead Attorney: Joseph A. Fonti

Case Status:
Pending

Background: Plaintiffs allege that the company and its senior management made materially false and misleading statements that concealed that Teva had engaged in a multi-year scheme to exponentially increase generic drug prices by over 1000%



across over 50 drugs. Often, these increases were in lock-step with so-called competitors.

BFA's Role: BFA is sole Lead Counsel for Court-appointed Lead Plaintiff Ontario Teachers' and named plaintiff Anchorage Police and Fire Retirement System.

Status: The Court appointed Ontario Teachers' as Lead Plaintiff and approved its choice of BFA as Lead Counsel on July 11, 2017. BFA filed an amended complaint on June 22, 2018. In September 2019, the Court denied defendants' motion to dismiss and in December 2019, BFA filed a further amended complaint. In March 2020, the Court granted BFA's motion for consolidation. The parties are currently in discovery. On March 9, 2021, Judge Underhill granted BFA's motion to certify a class of Teva investors. Judge Underhill also granted BFA's motion to appoint the Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan Board and Anchorage Police and Fire Retirement System as Class Representatives, and BFA as Class Counsel. The parties are currently in discovery.

In re Citigroup Securities Litigation

- Southern District of New York, No. 20-CV-9132
- Client: Public Sector Pension Investment Board ("PSP")
- Lead Attorneys: Javier Bleichmar, Joseph A. Fonti, Erin H. Woods

Case Status:
Pending

Background: Plaintiffs allege that Citigroup and its senior management misrepresented and concealed that the company's internal controls and risk management systems suffered from serious and longstanding deficiencies that exposed the Company to massive regulatory penalties that will cost significantly more than \$1 billion to remediate.

BFA's Role: BFA is sole Lead Counsel for Court-appointed Lead Plaintiff PSP.

Status: The Court appointed PSP as Lead Plaintiff and approved its choice of BFA as Lead Counsel on February 4, 2021. BFA filed an Amended Complaint on April 20, 2021.



In re MF Global Holdings Ltd. Securities Litigation

- Southern District of New York, No. 11-cv-07866
- Client: Alberta Investment Management Corp. (AIMCo)
- Lead Attorneys: Javier Bleichmar, Dominic Auld

**Total Settlements:
\$234.3 Million**

Background: This litigation arose from MF Global's dramatic bankruptcy in October 2011. Plaintiffs alleged that Defendants misrepresented the company's risk controls, liquidity position, and exposure to European sovereign debt, and failed to properly account for its deferred tax assets.

BFA's Role: BFA represented Court-appointed Co-Lead Plaintiff AIMCo. Partners Javier Bleichmar and Dominic Auld represented AIMCo in this case since its inception in November 2011, and served as Court-appointed Co-Lead Counsel for the putative class since January 2012. When BFA launched in August 2014, the Court approved AIMCo's selection of BFA to serve as Co-Lead Counsel for the putative class, continuing the core litigation team's representation.

Status: Lead Counsel achieved five partial settlements worth a total of just over \$234 million on behalf of investors: (1) a \$74 million settlement with Goldman Sachs and certain other underwriters of the company's securities; (2) a \$64.5 million settlement with former officers and directors, including MF Global's former CEO Jon Corzine; (3) a \$65 million settlement with auditor PricewaterhouseCoopers; (4) a \$29.825 million settlement with Jefferies and other underwriters of the final bond offering issued during the Class Period; and (5) a separate \$932,828 settlement with another underwriter defendant associated with that last offering. These settlements represent a recovery of approximately 35% of the alleged damages – an excellent result, particularly in light of the issuer's bankruptcy.

These settlements were achieved after years of hard fought litigation. Following the Court's ruling sustaining the Complaint and denying Defendants' six motions to dismiss in their entirety, Co-Lead Counsel reviewed millions of documents produced by Defendants and third-parties, and conducted more than 50 depositions of former employees of MF Global and other key witnesses, including four days of testimony from former CEO Jon Corzine. The Court granted Plaintiffs' motion for class certification on October 14, 2015, which assisted in achieving the settlements.



In re Genworth Financial Inc. Securities Litigation

- Eastern District of Virginia, No. 14-cv-00682
- Client: Alberta Investment Management Corp.
- Lead Attorney: Joseph A. Fonti

**Total Settlement:
\$219 Million**

Background: Plaintiffs alleged that Defendants misrepresented the profitability of the company's core business and reported false financial results by grossly understating long-term care insurance reserves. When Genworth announced a \$531 million charge to its reserves, the company's stock price fell more than 55% – wiping out billions in market capitalization – and credit rating agencies downgraded the company and its corresponding debt to “junk” status.

BFA's Role: BFA represented Court-appointed Co-Lead Plaintiff AIMCo. In November 2014, the Court approved AIMCo's selection of BFA to serve as Co-Lead Counsel for the putative class.

Notably, BFA secured one of the most thoroughly-reasoned, investor-oriented decisions after the then-recent decision in *Omnicare v. Laborers District Council Construction Industry Pension Fund*, 135 S. Ct. 1318 (2015). The District Court ruled that Lead Plaintiffs had sufficiently pled that Defendants' statements were intended to mislead investors and to provide false assurances regarding the company's reserves. The District Court also largely sustained allegations that Defendants falsely certified that the company's internal controls were adequate.

Status: On March 10, 2016, Genworth announced a proposed settlement of \$219 million, the largest ever securities class action recovery achieved in Virginia, and as much as 44% of recoverable damages available at trial. BFA and AIMCo sought and achieved a significant contribution from the company beyond available insurance; despite significant liquidity issues, the company paid \$69 million, and the remaining \$150 million was funded by insurance.

The settlement was reached after 15 months of intense and complex litigation. The Eastern District of Virginia is known as the “rocket docket” for its rapid disposition of cases and strict adherence to scheduled deadlines. In December 2014, Lead Plaintiffs filed a consolidated complaint and, in February 2015, Defendants filed a motion to dismiss. Partner Joseph Fonti successfully argued against the motion on April 28, 2015, and the securities fraud claims were sustained on May 1, 2015. Lead Plaintiffs filed their motion for class certification on December 3, 2015; fact discovery closed on January 15, 2016; and expert discovery closed on February 11, 2016. In effect, BFA conducted two to four years of litigation in just 15 months. This effort included more than 20 depositions, extensive trial preparation, and full briefing on motions for class certification and summary judgment. At the time of



settlement, BFA attorneys were preparing for trial, which was scheduled to begin on May 9, 2016.

In re Weatherford International Securities Litigation

- Southern District of New York, No. 12-cv-02121
- Client: Anchorage Police and Fire Retirement System
- Lead Attorney: Javier Bleichmar

Total Settlement:
\$120 Million

Background: Plaintiffs alleged that Weatherford, one of the world's largest oil and gas servicing companies, issued false financial statements that misled investors about its tax structure and internal controls. The company allegedly overstated its earnings by more than \$900 million and was forced to issue three restatements due to its failure to comply with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.

BFA's Role: BFA represented Court-appointed Co-Lead Plaintiff Anchorage Police and Fire Retirement System in this case, and BFA partner Javier Bleichmar represented Anchorage continuously since the case was filed in March 2012.

Status: In June 2015, the company agreed to settle all claims for \$120 million of out-of-pocket cash, with no available insurance, or approximately 30% of recoverable damages. Achieving this settlement required more than three years of intense litigation, including defeating Defendants' motion to dismiss in its entirety; obtaining class certification; completing fact discovery, after more than 20 depositions and the review of more than eight million pages of documents; filing four expert reports; and preparing for expert discovery and summary judgment.

In re Computer Sciences Corp. Securities Litigation

- Eastern District of Virginia, No. 11-cv-00610
- Client: Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan Board
- Lead Attorney: Joseph A. Fonti

Total Settlement:
\$97.5 Million

Background: Plaintiffs alleged that the company and two of its executive officers misrepresented (i) a multi-billion dollar contract with the United Kingdom's National Health Service, and (ii) that the company's internal controls were adequate.

BFA Role: BFA partners Javier Bleichmar, Joseph A. Fonti, and Dominic Auld represented Court-appointed Lead Plaintiff Ontario Teachers' at all stages of this case. Upon the founding of the Firm, the Court approved Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan Board's selection of BFA as counsel, continuing the team's representation.



Status: On September 2013, the Court granted final approval to the \$97.5 million settlement. At that time, the settlement was the second largest all cash recovery ever achieved in the Eastern District of Virginia, and represented as much as 38% of recoverable damages at trial.

In re Celestica Inc. Securities Litigation

- Southern District of New York, No. 07-cv-00312
- Client: New Orleans Employees' Retirement System
- Lead Attorney: Joseph A. Fonti

**Total Settlement:
\$30 Million**

Background: Plaintiffs alleged false and misleading statements relating to a significant corporate restructuring plan, earnings, profitability, and financial outlook. When Celestica ultimately disclosed the truth, its stock price dropped 50%, reducing market capitalization by \$1.3 billion.

BFA's Role: BFA partners Joseph Fonti and Erin Woods represented Lead Plaintiffs in this litigation. Notably, Joseph was successful in arguing before the Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, securing an investor-oriented interpretation of the pleading standard for scienter. Joseph also successfully argued in favor of Plaintiffs' class certification and summary judgment motions before the District Court, securing the first lower court decision after *Halliburton Co. v. Erica P. John Fund, Inc.*, 134 S. Ct. 2398 (2014) in favor of investors on the issue of class-wide reliance.

Status: In April 2015, Plaintiffs filed a motion for preliminary approval of a proposed \$30 million settlement resolving all claims against the company and officer defendants. The final approval hearing was held on July 28, 2015 and, later that day, the Court approved the \$30 million settlement.

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BFA attorneys have also played key roles in some of the most significant investor protection litigation in recent history, helping shareholders recover significant losses caused by financial misconduct in various industries across the marketplace. Select cases include:

In re Broadcom Corp. Class Action Litigation, Civ. No. 06-cv-5036 (C.D. Cal.).

This class action against Broadcom was based on allegations that the company inflated its stock price by intentionally backdating its stock option grants for over five years. Ultimately, the company was forced to issue a \$2.2 billion restatement of its financial statements for the period spanning from 1998 through 2005, which became the largest restatement ever due to options backdating.



The company acknowledged the “substantial evidence” of backdating, and lead plaintiffs secured a \$173.5 million settlement, which, at the time, was the second largest cash settlement ever involving a company accused of options backdating. This was also the only such case in which claims against the auditors were sustained.

In re HealthSouth Corp. Securities Litigation, Civ. No. 03-cv-1501-S (N.D. Ala.).

This case involved the largest securities fraud ever arising out of the healthcare industry, and ultimately resulted in a total settlement amount of \$804.5 million for the class. The class action involved claims against HealthSouth for falsifying its revenues and conducting a series of acquisition transactions in order to effectuate a massive fraud against the Medicare system.

False statements by the company and its officers led to the inflation of HealthSouth’s stock price, while at the same time company executives were amassing significant personal wealth by selling their own shares of HealthSouth stock.

Significantly, the litigation also resulted in the recovery of \$109 million from HealthSouth’s outside auditor Ernst & Young LLP, one of the largest recoveries to date against an auditing firm.

In re Schering-Plough Corp. / ENHANCE Securities Litigation, Civ. No. 08-397 (D.N.J.).

Lead Plaintiffs brought litigation in the District of New Jersey against Schering-Plough Corporation and Merck/Schering-Plough Pharmaceuticals, and certain company officers, in *In re Schering-Plough Corp. / ENHANCE Securities Litigation*, alleging that they failed to disclose material information about the prospects of cholesterol-lowering drugs.

After nearly six years of litigation, Defendants agreed to pay \$473 million to settle the matter on the eve of trial. This marked the largest securities class action recovery in history obtained from a pharmaceutical company. Together with a related securities class action against Merck, the *ENHANCE* litigation settled for \$688 million.



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Javier Bleichmar leads BFA's U.S. Case Evaluation and U.S. Securities Litigation teams. He brings a long career of litigation success to his prosecution of large-scale fraud class actions on behalf of investors. Javier has nearly two decades of experience and has been "recommended" in the field of securities litigation by *The Legal 500*.

Javier currently leads the BFA teams prosecuting class actions led by our clients against Teva Pharmaceutical Industries, Ltd., Citigroup, Inc., Granite Construction Incorporated, and Align Technology, Inc. Javier is also leading a securities action against Allianz Global Investors U.S., L.L.C. on behalf of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

Javier previously led the team litigating *In re MF Global Holdings Limited Securities Litigation* on behalf of Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Alberta and MF Global investors, in connection with the company's dramatic collapse on October 31, 2011. Judge Marrero in the Southern District of New York sustained the complaint in its entirety, and plaintiffs secured settlements totaling over \$234 million, resolving claims against MF Global's former officers and directors, several underwriter defendants, and MF Global's outside auditor.

Javier also led the team that prosecuted *Freedman v. Weatherford International Ltd., et al.*, on behalf of the Anchorage Police & Fire Retirement System. The case alleged that Weatherford, which made three restatements of audited financials totaling approximately \$1 billion, misled investors about the Company's tax accounting. After more than three years of intense litigation, including 22 depositions and complex expert testimony, the parties announced a proposed \$120 million settlement on June 30, 2015.

Javier is also a successful appellate advocate, prevailing before the Eighth Circuit in *Public Pension Fund Group v. KV Pharmaceutical, Co.* The Eighth Circuit reversed an earlier dismissal and clarified the standard governing pharmaceutical companies' disclosures relating to FDA notifications.

Javier is active in educating international institutional investors on developing trends in the law, particularly the ability of international investors to participate in



securities class actions outside the United States. Through these efforts, many of Javier's international clients were able to join the organization representing investors (i.e., the Foundation) in the first securities class action settlement under the then-recently enacted Dutch statute against Royal Dutch Shell. He has co-authored articles concerning the developments in the class action landscape in Australia, and also provides thought leadership as a regular contributor on securities issues in the *New York Law Journal*. He has co-authored "IndyMac Leaves Uncertain Landscape for Opt-Out Litigation" and "The Evolving Legacy of *Fait v. Regions Financial*." Javier is an active member of the National Association of Public Pension Plan Attorneys (NAPPA).

Prior to founding the firm, Javier was a Partner of Labaton Sucharow LLP. He also practiced at Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossmann LLP, where he was actively involved in the *In re Williams Securities Litigation*, which resulted in a \$311 million settlement, as well as significant securities matters involving Lucent Technologies, Inc., Consec, Inc. and Biovail Corp. He began his legal career at Kirkland & Ellis LLP.

Javier earned a B.A. from the University of Pennsylvania and a J.D. from Columbia University School of Law (1998), where he was a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar. During law school, he served as a law clerk to the Honorable Denny Chin, U.S. District Court Judge for the Southern District of New York. Javier is a native Spanish speaker and fluent in French.

Javier is admitted to practice in New York (1998), the U.S. Supreme Court (2010), and the U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Second Circuit (2010), Eight Circuit (2010), Ninth Circuit (2010), Tenth Circuit (2013), and Eleventh Circuit (2011). He is also admitted in the U.S. District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York (1999).

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Joseph A. Fonti leads the Firm's U.S. Securities Litigation team. He has nearly twenty years of experience in prosecuting complex litigations on behalf of institutional investors. His commitment to clients, advocacy skills, and litigation results have resulted in Joseph being "recommended" in the field of securities litigation by the Legal 500.

Joseph currently leads the BFA teams prosecuting class actions led by our clients against Teva Pharmaceutical Industries, Ltd. and Citigroup, Inc.

Joseph previously served as co-lead counsel in *In re Genworth Financial Inc.*



Securities Litigation in the Eastern District of Virginia – widely known as the “rocket docket.” Joseph led the litigation to a remarkable recovery for the class in the amount of \$219 million, the largest securities class action recovery ever achieved in that jurisdiction. In defeating defendants’ motion to dismiss, Joseph secured one of the first pro-investor opinions after the Supreme Court’s recent decision in the Omnicare matter. Joseph already had notable success in the high-pressure environment of the E.D.Va. In 2013, as lead trial lawyer on behalf of shareholders of Computer Science Corp., after prevailing at class certification and only four weeks before trial in the CSC matter, Joseph and his team secured a \$97.5 million settlement – the second-largest cash securities settlement in the court’s history.

Joseph also contributed to the prosecution and ultimate resolution of the *Weatherford* securities litigation (*Freedman v. Weatherford International Ltd., et al.*). Joseph’s contribution to this very intense litigation centered on complex accounting and expert matters, and he took trial testimony of several third-party accountants and consultants who were not expected to appear for trial. Joseph, as part of the team led by partner Javier Bleichmar, contributed to an outstanding recovery of \$120 million for Weatherford shareholders.

With over a dozen years of experience in investor litigation, Joseph’s career is also marked by significant successes in the area of auditor liability and stock options backdating. For example, he represented shareholders in the \$671 million recovery in *In re HealthSouth Securities Litigation*. Particularly, Joseph played a significant role in recovering \$109 million from HealthSouth’s outside auditor Ernst & Young LLP, one of the largest recoveries to date against an auditing firm. He also contributed to securing a \$173.5 million settlement in *In re Broadcom Corp. Securities Litigation*, which, at the time, was the second-largest cash settlement involving a company accused of options backdating. This was the only such case in which claims against the auditors were sustained.

In addition to representing several of the most significant U.S. institutional investors, Joseph has represented a number of Canada’s most significant pension systems and asset managers. He also provides thought leadership on issues of particular relevance to these clients. For example, he co-authored “Cross-Listed Securities Cases Present Challenges,” for the *National Law Journal*, (May 30, 2016), which addresses recent Morrison interpretations in light of modern financial markets. He also led the prosecution of *In re NovaGold Resources Inc. Securities Litigation*, which resulted in the largest settlement under Canada’s securities class action laws.

Additionally, Joseph has achieved notable success as an appellate advocate. He successfully argued before the Second Circuit Court of Appeals in *In re Celestica Inc. Securities Litigation*. The Second Circuit reversed an earlier dismissal and turned the tide of recent decisions by realigning pleading standards in favor of investors.



Joseph was also instrumental in the advocacy before the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in the *In re Broadcom Corp. Securities Litigation*. This appellate victory marked the first occasion a court sustained allegations against an outside auditor related to options backdating.

Prior to founding the firm, Joseph was a Partner of Labaton Sucharow LLP. He also practiced securities litigation at Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossmann LLP, and began his legal career at Sullivan & Cromwell LLP, where he represented Fortune 100 corporations and financial institutions in complex securities litigation, in multifaceted SEC investigations, and at trial.

Joseph is a member of the ABA, the NY State Bar Association, the Bar of the City of New York, and the National Association of Public Pension Attorneys (NAPPA).

Joseph earned a B.A., *cum laude*, from New York University and a J.D. from New York University School of Law (1999), where he was a member of the Marden Moot Court. He is admitted to practice in New York (2000), the U.S. Supreme Court (2007), and the U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Second Circuit (2010), Ninth Circuit (2007), and Tenth Circuit (2013). He also is admitted in the U.S. District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York (2001).

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Dominic J. Auld leads BFA's Non-U.S. Litigation team. He has more than a decade of experience in representing and advising institutional clients in large-scale securities and investment-related lawsuits. Dominic has been named a "Super Lawyer" in the field of securities litigation by *Super Lawyer* awards and has been "recommended" in the field of securities litigation by *The Legal 500*.

Dominic is responsible for BFA's outreach to pension systems, asset managers, and sovereign wealth funds outside the United States – regularly advising clients in Europe, Australia, Asia, and across his home country of Canada.

Dominic and his team have served as liaison counsel to global investors in many shareholder and investor litigations outside the United States, including class and collective actions against Olympus Corp. (Japan); OZ Minerals Ltd. (Australia); Fortis (Belgium and the Netherlands); Vivendi Universal (France); and Volkswagen AG (Germany), and many other companies.

Dominic is sought after as a commentator on topics such as corporate governance, shareholder activism, fiduciary duty, corporate misconduct, and international class and collective litigation. He has been a regular speaker and panelist at law and investment conferences, including past events such as the Canadian Foundation for



Advancement of Investor Rights (FAIR Canada) and Osgoode Hall Law School conference on public and private securities enforcement and investor recovery in Toronto, the IMF Bentham shareholder class action conference in Sydney, and the Annual International Bar Association meeting in Dubai.

Dominic is the author of various articles of interest to the Firm's client base, including an analysis of shareholder remedies in Japan in *Law360*, and a piece regarding custodian bank fees and their impact on pension funds globally in *Nordic Regions Pensions and Investment News* magazine. He is quoted in publications including *The Economist*, *The Financial Times*, *The New York Times*, *USA Today*, *The Times of London*, *The Evening Standard*, *The Guardian*, and *The Daily Mail*, and trade publications such as *Global Pensions*, *OP Risk and Regulation*, *The Lawyer*, *Investments and Pensions Europe*, *Professional Pensions*, and *Benefits Canada*. He also was interviewed by *Corporate Counsel* for a feature article on rogue trading.

Prior to founding the Firm, Dominic was a Partner of Labaton Sucharow LLP. He also practiced securities litigation at Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossmann LLP, where he began his career as a member of the team responsible for prosecuting the landmark action *In re WorldCom Inc. Securities Litigation*, which resulted in a settlement of more than \$6 billion.

Dominic has years of experience working directly with institutional clients affected by securities fraud. For example, he worked extensively with the Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan Board as it led securities actions *In re Nortel Networks Corp. Securities Litigation*, *In re Williams Securities Litigation*, and *In re Biovail Corp. Securities Litigation* – cases that recovered a total of more than \$1.7 billion for investors.

Dominic earned a B.A. from Queen's University in Canada and a J.D. from Lewis and Clark Law School (1998). He is admitted to practice in New York (1998), and in the U.S. District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York (2011).

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In her twenty-five-year career, Lesley has focused primarily on cases that protect the public interest, consumers, and public entities. She continues to do so as the Head of BFA's Antitrust and Consumer Litigation Teams, and as the Partner in Charge of BFA's California Office. In 2015, Lesley was appointed by U.S. District Judge Charles R. Breyer to the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee in *In re Volkswagen "Clean Diesel" Marketing, Sales Practices, and Products Liability Litig.*, MDL No. 2672 CRB (JSC). The PSC in the Volkswagen litigation recovered \$14.7 billion for class members and nearly \$5 billion for the environment, the largest automotive class action recovery ever.



In July 2018, Judge Chhabria of the Northern District of California appointed Lesley as co-lead counsel for plaintiffs in *In re: Facebook, Inc. Consumer Privacy User Profile Litigation*. The litigation consolidates more than 30 cases filed around the country alleging that Facebook violated consumer fraud and privacy laws in allowing hundreds of third party apps, including Cambridge Analytica, to bundle and sell Facebook users' personally identifiable information without their knowledge or consent.

In April 2018, Lesley was appointed as interim Co-Lead Counsel in *In re Inductors Antitrust Litig.*, Case No. 18-cv-198, representing a class of purchasers of inductors, a passive electronic component that is a key element of electronic circuits found in smart phones, laptops, computers, and other consumer electronic devices.

In June 2017, Lesley was appointed to the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee leading claims against Fiat Chrysler and Bosch in *In re Chrysler-Dodge-Jeep EcoDiesel Marketing, Sales Practices and Products Liability*, MDL No. 17-MD-02777-EMC ("Fiat Chrysler"). Like Volkswagen, the Fiat Chrysler lawsuit seeks to redress harm to consumers arising out of the illegal and deliberate use of devices to sense when vehicles are being tested, so that those vehicles regularly emit significant amounts of pollution on the road.

In pro bono matters, including negotiating reforms in the merger between SunTrust and BBK banks, Lesley represents the National Black Farmers Association, an organization dedicated to securing better economic conditions for farmers with deep historical roots in our country's economic success.

In addition, Lesley has extensive experience representing sophisticated institutional investors in landmark securities actions. Some of those cases include *In re Cavanaugh Securities Litig.* (including appeal to the Ninth Circuit concerning the method of selecting lead plaintiff and lead counsel after the enactment of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act.); *In re Marsh & McLennan Cos. Sec. Litig.* (\$400 million settlement); *In re Cardinal Health Inc. Sec. Litig.* (\$600 million settlement); and *In re Cisco Systems, Inc. Sec. Litig.* (\$99 million settlement); *In re Northpoint Communications Group, Inc.* (notable decision finding that certain allegations of scienter and falsity in securities suit were pled with particularity required by PSLRA and statements made about potential merger with Verizon were deliberately reckless); and *CommTouch Software, Ltd. Sec. Litig.* (notable decision finding complaint pled with sufficient particularity to support an inference of deliberate misconduct), among other significant cases.



In addition, Lesley counsels clients seeking to opt out of class action litigation, assisting them in negotiating confidential, private settlements, with outstanding results.

In October 2014, Lesley tried an internet privacy case against a Chinese-owned, California-based internet site, recovering 100 percent of economic damages and a \$15 million punitive damages jury verdict, as well as significant injunctive relief. Her first trial was in 1998 before the Hon. Vaughn Walker on behalf of Amanda Buritica, a U.S. citizen born in Colombia who was unlawfully detained by U.S. Customs at San Francisco International Airport. The case resulted in the largest verdict at the time under the Federal Tort Claims Act.

Lesley is committed to public service through volunteer efforts, and currently serves on the Advisory Council of the East Bay Community Law Center, as well as the Executive Committee of the Securities Section for the Bar Association of San Francisco. She is a past Co-Chair of Bay Area Lawyers for Individual Freedom, a past Co-Chair of the San Francisco LGBT Community Center, past National Chair of the National Center for Lesbian Rights, and past Vice-President and Director of the Board of the Frameline Film Festival. She has previously served on the boards of Women Lawyers of Alameda County, Equality California, the International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission, and the Alice B. Toklas Democratic Club. She also is a member of Public Justice and of the National Association of Public Pension Attorneys (NAPPA).

Lesley holds degrees from the University of Virginia and Harvard College. She studied political science at the University of Bonn (Germany), and attended high school at Haderslev Katedraleskole in Denmark. She speaks German and Danish.

Lesley is admitted to practice in California (1997), the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit (1998), and the U.S. District Courts for the Northern District (1997) and the Eastern, Central, and Southern Districts of California (1998).

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Peter Borkon is a partner and Co-Director of Institutional Investor Relations at BFA. Over his twenty five year career, Peter has prosecuted many complex civil cases including large-scale securities fraud class actions on behalf of institutional and individual investors. In addition to his litigation successes, he maintains a counseling practice on issues of financial fraud and fiduciary law.



Peter is currently a lead partner prosecuting the class action led by our institutional investor client against Granite Construction Incorporated. The Northern District of California recently granted preliminary approval of the \$129 million settlement; one of the largest securities fraud settlements before that Court.

Peter is also litigating an action against certain members of the current and former board of directors of Tesla on behalf of the Police & Fire Retirement System of City of Detroit, and is pursuing confidential derivative actions on behalf of additional institutional clients.

Over his career, Peter has also played a pivotal role seeking corporate governance reforms. In the McKesson Corporation derivative case, he sought reforms related to McKesson's participation in the nationwide opioid crisis. He co-drafted the complaint that in May of 2018 Northern District of California Judge Claudia Wilken upheld as demonstrating that any demand the board take action to rectify the alleged wrongdoing would be futile. Peter's other high-profile corporate governance cases include serving as a lead team member in the Pacific Gas & Electric (San Bruno Explosion) case, which resulted in a significant payment to the corporation and cutting edge corporate governance reforms for the board of directors and operations at the gas operating company.

Peter's career as an advocate also includes litigating securities class action cases like *In re Homestore.com Securities Litigation* on behalf of the California State Teachers Retirement System and Homestore.com investors, in connection with the company's 2001 financial fraud. After multiple rounds of motions to dismiss and summary judgment, Judge Pechman, sitting by designation in the Central District of California, approved settlements totaling over \$100 million, to resolve claims against Homestore.com and its auditor PWC.

Peter also had a key role in prosecuting *In re Charles Schwab YieldPlus Fund Securities Litigation* on behalf of fund investors. The case alleged that Charles Schwab Corporation and the fund's underwriters deceived investors about the underlying risk in the fund, which was sold as a cash alternative, but in fact was deeply invested in highly speculative and risky mortgage-related structured debt, according to the complaint. After three years of intense litigation, including dozens of depositions, motions for summary judgment and contentious negotiations during which Schwab changed counsel, the parties announced a \$235 million settlement. Peter was also the lead lawyer in *Nallagonda v. Osiris Therapeutics, Inc.*, spearheading an investigation and prosecution that resulted in a 2018 settlement that is valued between 36% and 86% recovery of losses for defrauded investors.

Peter also has decades of experience serving institutional investors as an advisor. He developed his prior firm's Portfolio Monitoring and Case Evaluation practice. He regularly provides institutional investor clients with educational programs and



brings his years of teaching experience to every advisory engagement. Peter speaks on issues of importance to institutional investors like corporate governance, ethics, fiduciary duty, open records acts, Environmental Social and Governance (ESG) investment and the intersection of those principles with federal and state securities laws.

Peter's broad involvement in public service through volunteer enterprises includes his current service on the San Francisco AIDS Foundation's Board of Directors where he is a member of that Board's Audit Committee. He is a past Co-Chair of the AIDS Legal Referral Panel's Board of Directors and a past Co-Chair of the Bay Area Lawyers for Individual Freedom's Judicial Nominations and Endorsements Committee. He also is a member and frequently speaks at conferences of the National Association of Public Pension Attorneys (NAPPA) and the National Conference on Public Employee Retirement Systems (NCPERS). Peter was recently elected to the Council of Institutional Investors' Markets Advisory Council to provide input on legal, financial reporting and investment market trends.

Peter is a certified Mediator for the Northern District of California's ADR program. He is serving his third term as a Director at the Northern District of California's Federal Practice Program Board, an At-Large Member of the Ninth Circuit's Circuit Executive Committee and a past Co-Chair of the Lawyer Representatives of the Northern District of California to the Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference (2017).

Peter is admitted to practice in Illinois (1996) and California (2001), the U.S. Supreme Court (2003), the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit (2001) and Third Circuit (2017), and the U.S. District Courts for the Northern District of California (2001), the Central District of California (2001), the Northern District of Illinois (2009), the District of Colorado (2003), the Eastern District of Wisconsin (2003), and the Western District of Wisconsin (2003).

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Nancy has extensive experience in complex litigation in federal and state courts, including securities litigation, Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) litigation, consumer fraud litigation, mergers and acquisitions cases, and antitrust litigation.

Nancy represents public pension funds, Taft-Hartley funds, and other institutional investors in securities class actions and derivative litigation. She has nearly two decades of experience assisting clients in identifying material losses in their securities portfolios caused by corporate wrongdoing. Nancy consults with



institutional investors to help them monitor litigation and to evaluate opportunities for recovery.

Nancy is currently litigating the class action against Align Technology Inc. on behalf of Court-appointed Lead Plaintiff Macomb County Employee's Retirement System. Nancy is also litigating an action against certain members of the current and former board of directors of Tesla on behalf of the Police & Fire Retirement System of City of Detroit, and is pursuing confidential derivative actions on behalf of additional institutional clients. Nancy has previously been counsel in numerous high-profile securities fraud litigations that have recovered hundreds of millions of dollars for shareholders including:

- *In re CIT Group Securities Litigation*, 1:08-06613 (S.D.N.Y.) (\$75 million)
- *Klugmann v. American Capital Ltd.*, 09-cv-0005 (D. Md.) (\$18 million)
- *In re Nuvelo, Inc. Securities Litigation*, 07-cv-4056 (N.D. Cal.) (\$8.9 million)
- *Bauer v. Prudential, Inc.*, 09-cv-1120 (JLL) (D. NJ) (\$16.5 million)
- *Carlson v. Xerox Corporation*, 3:00CV01621 (ATW) (D Conn) (\$750 million)
- *Fragala v. 500.com Ltd.*, 2:15-cv-01463-MMM (C.D. Cal.) (\$2.5 million)

Nancy represented a Taft-Hartley Fund in the historic settlement with Twenty-First Century Fox, Inc. regarding allegations surrounding workplace harassment incidents at Fox News, which resulted in a \$90 million derivative settlement and wide-ranging corporate governance reforms at the company.

Nancy has also represented consumers in complex, class action litigation involving false advertising and defective product claims, including serving as court-appointed Lead Counsel in *Logan Landes, et al, v. Sony Mobile Communications, et al*, 17-cv-02264-JFB-SIL (EDNY), which resulted in settlement relief to consumers valued at over \$6 million. In that litigation, the Honorable Joseph F. Bianco recognized the high quality of her work, "The quality of the representation, as I noted, has been extremely high, not just in terms of the favorable outcome in terms of the substance of the settlement, but in terms of the diligence and the hard work that has gone into producing that outcome."

Prior to joining BFA, Nancy was a partner at a well-established national securities litigation firm where she represented investors in securities class actions and created and directed the firm's Portfolio Monitoring Services practice. Nancy has experience in representing corporations seeking antitrust clearance of mergers and acquisitions and has also handled commercial litigation matters and contractual disputes.



Nancy frequently speaks on topics related to securities litigation and investor rights at educational forums for public pension funds and Taft-Hartley funds.

She is a member of the National Conference on Public Employee Retirement Systems (“NCPERS”), International Foundation of Employee Benefit Plans (IFEBP), Texas Association of Public Employee Retirement Systems (TEXPERS), Florida Public Pensions Trustees Association (FPPTA), Michigan Association of Public Employee Retirement Systems (MAPERS) and Illinois Public Pension Fund Association (IPFFA). Nancy serves as an Officer to the National Association of Shareholder & Consumer Attorneys (NASCAT) as Treasurer.

Nancy was recognized by Lawdragon as a Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer.

Nancy earned a B.A. in International Politics from Fordham University in 1998 and a J.D. from the University of Connecticut School of Law in 2001.

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As Co-Director of Institutional Investor Relations and the head of BFA’s Claims Filing Team, Erin’s practice combines her vast experience advising institutional investors on current and potential securities litigation and advising clients in recovering investment losses through filing settlement claims.

With more than twelve years in the class action industry, Erin brings a unique blend of seasoned litigator, a decade of representation of institutional investors, and expertise in the claims administration process. Erin is currently a member of the team prosecuting the securities class action against Citigroup, Inc. She also leads institutional investor outreach and advises pension funds and other entities on lawsuits concerning violations of U.S. and non-U.S. securities and investment laws, antitrust and consumer laws, and securities class action settlements.

Prior to joining BFA, Erin was a Director at an industry-leading claims administration firm, where she provided plaintiffs’ and defense counsel comprehensive, accurate, and practical approaches to class action and mass tort settlement administration.

While working with BFA’s founding partners as an associate at their prior firm, Erin litigated securities class actions such as *In re Celestica Inc. Securities*



Litigation and *In re NovaGold Resources Inc. Securities Litigation*, which resulted in a cross-border settlement that was at the time the largest settlement under Canada's securities class action laws, and two related cases against OppenheimerFunds Inc. that resulted in a \$100 million settlement.

Erin is a member of the National Association of Public Pension Attorneys (NAPPA), National Conference of Public Employee Retirement Systems (NCPERS), National Council on Teacher Retirement (NCTR), National Association of State Retirement Administrators (NASRA), State Association of County Retirement Systems (SACRS), California Association of Public Retirement Systems (CALAPRS), and a number of additional organizations.

Erin earned a B.A. from Villanova University in 2004 and a J.D. from Brooklyn Law School in 2008. She is admitted to practice in New York (2009), the U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit (2010) and Second Circuit (2011), and the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York (2009).

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Kendra Schramm is a highly valued litigator with over ten years of experience prosecuting complex securities class actions. Kendra is a key member of the Firm's Non-U.S. Litigation and Claims Filing teams. She also assists the Client Reporting and Data Analysis team in assessing clients' loss exposure in both domestic and international matters.

Kendra acts as liaison counsel to institutional investors in securities and investment-related actions across the globe – including in Australia, Europe, and Japan. She provides highly pragmatic advice to sophisticated clients on the risks of participation in these cases, which often require a formal decision to pursue a claim. She is instrumental to BFA's outreach to institutional clients outside the United States. In addition, Kendra recently co-authored "A Look at Shareholder Remedies in Japan" in *Law360*, commenting on the evolving Japanese litigation regime.

Prior to joining the Firm, Kendra was an associate at Labaton Sucharow LLP, where she was a member of the team that recovered more than \$1 billion in total settlements in the landmark securities class action against American International Group and numerous related defendants. She also was instrumental in prosecuting the complex securities litigation against the Federal National Mortgage Association (Fannie Mae), which successfully alleged that investors' losses were caused by the defendants' misstatements and misconduct, rather than the recent financial crisis, and recovered \$170 million.



Kendra earned a B.A. from New York University and a J.D. from Brooklyn Law School (2011), where she was an Associate Managing Editor of the *Journal of Law & Policy*. During law school, she served as a law clerk to the Honorable Elizabeth S. Stong, U.S. Bankruptcy Court Judge for the Eastern District of New York. She is admitted to practice in New York (2012), New Jersey (2012), the U.S. Supreme Court (2014), and the U.S. District Courts for the Southern District of New York (2012) and the District of New Jersey (2012).

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For over a decade, Ross has been advising many of the world's largest and most sophisticated institutional investors concerning their rights and potential legal claims arising out of securities-related matters. He is a senior member of the firm's Client Monitoring and Case Evaluation Group in which he, together with a team of attorneys and financial analysts, develops and recommends legal strategies to the firm's clients.

Ross is also one of the lead attorneys litigating the securities class action against Granite Construction Incorporated, which the court sustained over defendants' motion to dismiss and recently certified as a class action. Ross is also one of the lead attorneys representing investors in the securities class actions concerning Citigroup Inc. and Align Technology, Inc. For his success representing investors, Ross has consistently been named by Super Lawyers as a New York "Rising Star" in the area of securities litigation.

Prior to joining the firm, Ross was an associate at Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossmann LLP where he was a senior member of its New Matter Department. Ross was also an instrumental member of the litigation teams responsible for recovering hundreds of millions of dollars on behalf of injured investors that were misled when purchasing residential mortgage-backed securities. He also served as a member of the litigation team prosecuting the securities fraud class action against Volkswagen, which resulted in a recovery of \$48 million for investors in Volkswagen American Depositary Receipts. Ross also served as a member of the team litigating the securities class action concerning GT Advanced Technologies, which has resulted in \$36.7 million in recoveries to-date.

Ross earned a B.A., *cum laude*, from Skidmore College, and an M.A. from Indiana University-Bloomington. He earned a J.D., *cum laude*, from Brooklyn Law School (2010) where he worked as a research assistant to Brooklyn Law School Professor of Law Emeritus Norman Poser, a widely respected expert in international and domestic securities regulation. He also served as a judicial intern to the Honorable



Brian M. Cogan of the Eastern District of New York, a legal intern for the Major Narcotics Investigations Bureau of the Kings County District Attorney's Office, and a summer associate at a prominent defense firm.

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Sara Pildis Simnowitz is Special Counsel at BFA, prosecuting a variety of complex litigations.

Sara Simnowitz has nearly twenty years of experience in all aspects of litigating complex matters. Sara is dedicated to prosecuting securities, antitrust, and consumer fraud class actions on behalf of institutional, municipal, and individual clients. Sara draws on her extensive litigation experience while playing a key role in prosecuting the Firm's antitrust and consumer cases, including *In re Inductors Antitrust Litigation* and *In re: Facebook, Inc. Consumer Privacy User Profile Litigation*.

Sara is also a central member of the team prosecuting *Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan Board, et al. v. Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd. et al.*, and prosecuted *In re Genworth Financial Securities Litigation* on behalf of Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Alberta in the Eastern District of Virginia.

Before joining BFA, Ms. Simnowitz was a senior associate at Arnold & Porter LLP, where she focused on complex commercial litigation. She previously practiced at Heller Ehrman LLP in New York and Foley Hoag LLP in Massachusetts, where she focused on complex commercial and securities litigation.

Sara earned a B.A., *summa cum laude*, from Brandeis University, a J.D. from the University of Chicago Law School (2001), and an M.A. from the London School of Economics and Political Science (2002). She is admitted to practice in Massachusetts (2002), New York (2006), the U.S. Supreme Court (2008), the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit (2003), and the U.S. District Courts for the District of Massachusetts (2002), the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York (2006), and the Western District of New York (2008).



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Matthew Melamed (“Matt”) joined the firm in 2021, focusing on prosecuting complex consumer and antitrust matters.

Before joining the firm, Matt was a partner at Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP, where he represented cities, counties, and states in nationwide litigation concerning the marketing, distribution, and dispensing of prescription opioids. Among other roles in those cases, he represented the City and County of San Francisco, whose case was remanded as an MDL bellwether from *In re: National Opiate Litigation*. Matt also litigated numerous securities fraud lawsuits, including *Jones v. Pfizer Inc.*, *In re St. Jude Medical, Inc. Securities Litigation*, and *Villella v. Chemical & Mining Company of Chile, Inc.* He was a member of case teams that recovered more than \$1.2 billion.

Matt was previously a law clerk for the Honorable Joseph A. Greenaway, Jr. on both the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey and the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. He was also the Kazan-Wallace Attorney at Public Justice PC. During law school, Matt was an extern for the Honorable Susan Y. Illston, United States District Court for the Northern District of California.

Matt is admitted to practice in California (2008), the United States Courts of Appeals for the Third (2010) and Tenth (2009) Circuits, and the United States District Courts for the Northern (2010) and Central (2012) Districts of California.

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Anne Davis joined BFA in 2018. She has a decade of experience litigating complex matters in both federal and state courts, including the courts of California, Delaware, and Kansas. She focuses her practice on complex investigations and litigation of antitrust, consumer, and securities matters.

Anne plays a key role in litigating *In re: Facebook, Inc. Consumer Privacy User Profile Litigation* and *In re Inductors Antitrust Litigation*; as well as a member of the *In re German Automotive Manufacturers Antitrust Litigation* and *In re Domestic Airlines Travel Antitrust Litigation* teams. She recently co-authored *That’s The Ticket – Game On For Plaintiffs Challenging Suppression of the Market For Football Broadcasts* for the September edition of the Antitrust, UCL and Privacy Section E-Brief for



California Lawyer's Association, and *The Interplay of the European Union's General Data Protection Regulation and U.S. E-Discovery—One Year Later, the View Remains the Same*, which was published in the Spring 2019 edition of Competition.

Prior to joining BFA, Anne served as a Principal Counsel for Sales Practice Enforcement at the Financial Industry Regulatory (FINRA), where she, as appropriate, brought charges and negotiated resolutions or litigated formal actions pertaining to violations of FINRA, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), and Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (MSRB) rules, and the federal securities laws by registered individuals and FINRA member firms.

Before FINRA, she was a senior associate at Morrison & Foerster, LLP, where she specialized in securities litigation and enforcement, complex civil litigation, and internal investigations. She also maintained a pro bono practice involving Title IX compliance in California public schools, litigation on behalf of prisoners asserting Section 1983 excessive force claims, and asylum claims.

Anne earned a B.A. with honors from DePaul University (2002), a M.A. (Political Science) from the University of Michigan (2006), and a J.D. from the University of Michigan Law School (2008). She is admitted to practice in California (2009), and the U.S. District Courts for the Northern (2010), Central (2011) and Eastern (2014) Districts of California and the Eastern District of Michigan (2019).

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Evan brings substantial experience in all stages of litigation, from pre-suit investigation and strategic advice through motion practice, discovery, trial, and appeal. His experience includes complex securities and derivative actions, bankruptcy confirmation and adversary proceedings, and regulatory investigations. He has taken and defended numerous depositions, worked closely with damages and industry experts, and participated in several trials.

Evan is currently a member of the team prosecuting the cases against Teva Pharmaceutical Industries, Ltd. and Granite Construction Incorporated.

Prior to joining BFA in 2019, Evan was an associate at Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP for nine years, where he litigated high-profile matters on behalf of financial institutions and issuers in a variety of industries. Representative matters include plaintiff's counsel in breach of contract, fraud and civil RICO litigations against a distressed insurance company; debtor's counsel in a leading media company's Chapter 11 bankruptcy, which eliminated over \$1 billion in debt; and the



defense of numerous RMBS-related litigations, arbitrations, and investigations in the wake of the financial crisis.

Evan earned a B.A. from the University of Florida, *cum laude*, in 2007 and a J.D. from Harvard Law School, *cum laude*, in 2010. He is admitted to practice in New York (2011), as well as the U.S. District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York (2011).

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For almost nine years, George has taken a lead role in all stages of complex civil litigation, from pre-suit investigation through motion practice, discovery, summary judgment, and trial.

George is currently a member of the teams prosecuting cases against Granite Construction Incorporated and Allianz Global Investors U.S., L.L.C.

While an associate and later junior partner at the international law firm of Kirkland & Ellis LLP, George gained experience taking and defending depositions, working with expert consultants and witnesses, and appearing in court. In addition, George has handled numerous internal investigations and investigations by both the U.S. Department of Justice and the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. George has represented clients in connection with complex regulatory enforcement matters dealing with, among other things, securities fraud, commodities fraud, and foreign bribery issues. He has also advised transactional teams on litigation and compliance related risks.

Prior to Kirkland, George attended Brooklyn Law School where he served as a student prosecutor in the Kings County District Attorney's office and led the prosecution of misdemeanor domestic violence cases. He also interned at the New York City Police Department, the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of New York, the Federal Trade Commission, and the New York Attorney General's Office.

George earned a B.A. from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, *cum laude*, in 2008 and a J.D. from Brooklyn Law School, *magna cum laude*, in 2011. He is admitted to practice in New York (2012), the Eastern District of New York (2013), and the Southern District of New York (2014).



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Angelica has substantial experience litigating class actions and other complex matters in federal courts across the country.

Angelica is a key member of the teams litigating *Calhoun et al. v. Google LLC*, *In re: Facebook, Inc. Consumer Privacy User Profile Litigation*, and *In Re: ZF-TRW Airbag Control Units Products Liability Litigation*.

Prior to joining BFA, Angelica was an associate at Girard Sharp, where she specialized in consumer protection and financial products litigation. While at Girard Sharp, Angelica served as co-class counsel in *Prather v. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.*, representing individuals who received illegal automated calls or text messages from the bank. Angelica was also a member of the litigation team in *Daccache v. Raymond James Financial, Inc.*, brought on behalf of victims of the Jay Peak investment fraud—the largest in the history of the EB-5 visa program—and *Larson v. John Hancock Life Insurance Company (U.S.A.)*, a certified class action alleging that John Hancock improperly inflated cost of insurance charges deducted from its customers' life insurance policies.

Before Girard Sharp, Angelica was a Fellow at the California Monitor Program, a program of the California Attorney General, where she worked closely with Congresswoman Katie Porter to ensure that the nation's five largest mortgage servicers delivered the relief Senator Kamala Harris negotiated for Californians as part of the landmark \$25 billion National Mortgage Settlement.

Angelica is an active member of the Sedona Conference, Working Group 1 on Electronic Document Retention and Production. She recently presented at the California Employment Lawyers Association's Electronic Discovery Seminar on topics involving collection and production of electronically stored information and advanced search methodologies. Angelica is also a member of the Federal Bar Association and a Mentor for Centro Legal de la Raza's Youth Law Academy. She has been selected as a Northern California Rising Star every year since 2017 and was named to the National Trial Lawyer's Top 40 Under 40 List in 2020 and 2021.

Angelica earned an undergraduate degree from UC Los Angeles and completed a master's program at San José State University before receiving her law degree from UC Berkeley. After law school, she clerked for the United States District Court for the Northern District of California and the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Nevada. She is admitted to practice in California (2012), the U.S. Court of Appeal for the Ninth Circuit (2019) and the U.S. District Courts of the Northern



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At BFA, Benjamin is a member of the teams prosecuting cases against Teva Pharmaceutical Industries, Ltd. and Granite Construction, Inc.

Benjamin also maintains an active pro bono practice, including representing New York City parks and community gardens in civil litigation as well as in corporate governance issues, land rights, local law and regulations, licensing and leases.

Prior to joining BFA, Benjamin was a senior associate at Sidley Austin LLP, where he was a member of the firm's securities and shareholder litigation, commercial litigation and disputes, and Supreme Court and appellate practices.

Benjamin earned a B.A., *magna cum laude*, from Illinois Wesleyan University in 2007 and a J.D. from the University of Chicago Law School in 2010. Benjamin is admitted to practice in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit (2014) and the U.S. District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York (2013). After earning his law degree, Benjamin served as law clerk to the Honorable Susan P. Read of the New York Court of Appeals.

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At BFA, Thayne primarily prosecutes complex securities fraud cases on behalf of institutional investors, and is a member of the teams prosecuting cases against Teva Pharmaceutical Industries, Ltd. and Citigroup, Inc.

Prior to joining BFA, Thayne was an associate at Kirkland & Ellis LLP for over three years and represented clients in numerous securities class action, complex commercial, shareholder, and bankruptcy cases.

Thayne earned a B.A. from Yale University in 2011, a J.D. from Duke University School of Law in 2014, and a M.A. from Duke University in 2014. Thayne is admitted to practice in New York (2015) and the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York (2016).

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Nicholas Dennany focuses his practice on investigating and analyzing pending and potential securities fraud and derivative claims and assists the Firm advise and recommend strategies to its clients to ensure that their rights are protected. Nick is also a member of the Firm's litigation team and has more than a decade of litigation experience, with specific expertise in discovery matters and managing large-scale electronic document reviews.

Nick was a member of the team that prosecuted *Genworth Financial* in the notoriously fast-paced jurisdiction of the Eastern District of Virginia. The case alleged that the defendants misled investors about the true state of the company's deteriorating long-term care business. BFA recovered \$219 million for investors – the largest ever class action settlement in Virginia.

Nick was also a key contributor to the Firm's recent success in *MF Global*, in connection with the company's dramatic collapse on October 31, 2011. The plaintiffs secured several settlements totaling more than \$234 million, resolving claims against MF Global's former officers and directors, several underwriter defendants, and MF Global's outside auditor.

Prior to joining the Firm, Nick worked with many of the attorneys now at BFA while at Labaton Sucharow LLP, where he was a member of the team that successfully prosecuted securities claims *In re Broadcom Corp. Securities Litigation* (\$173.5 million settlement) and *In re NovaGold Resources Inc. Securities Litigation* (\$26.6 million settlement).

Nick earned a B.A., *cum laude*, from the University of Florida and a J.D. from the University of Florida, Levin College of Law (2004). He is admitted to practice in New



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Josh earned his B.A. from the University of California Berkeley (2013) and his J.D. from the University of California Los Angeles (2016), where he served as an Associate Editor for the UCLA Law Review. Josh is admitted to practice in California (2016).

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Mathew's practice focuses on securities litigation, corporate governance, and shareholder rights litigation. Mathew is skilled in all aspects of litigation, including investigating potential securities fraud claims, briefing dispositive motions, and coordinating discovery efforts.

Matt is currently a member of the team prosecuting the securities class action against Teva Pharmaceutical Industries, Ltd.

Prior to joining the Firm, Mathew was an associate at a prominent plaintiffs' securities class action law firm, where he counseled institutional investors on potential legal claims as part of a team of attorneys, financial analysts, and investigators. Mathew was also previously an associate at Sullivan & Cromwell LLP where he worked extensively on complex commercial litigation, securities litigation, enforcement, and internal investigations.

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Will previously contributed to the Firm’s discovery efforts in *In re Genworth Financial Inc. Securities Litigation*, managing the staff attorney discovery team from inception to settlement. The case alleged that Genworth, the largest seller of long-term care insurance in the U.S., misled investors about the true state of its deteriorating long-term care business. On May 1, 2015, U.S. District Judge James R. Spencer denied defendants’ motion to dismiss. The parties reached a settlement of \$219 million, establishing a record for securities litigations in the Eastern District of Virginia.

Previously, Will contributed to the Firm’s discovery efforts in the securities litigation against Weatherford International Ltd. on behalf of the Anchorage Police & Fire Retirement System (*Freedman v. Weatherford International Ltd., et al.*). The case alleged that Weatherford, which made three restatements of audited financials totaling approximately \$1 billion, misled investors about the Company’s tax accounting. After more than three years of intense litigation, including 22 depositions and complex expert testimony, plaintiffs reached an outstanding recovery of \$120 million on behalf of shareholders.

Will received a B.A. from Union College (2009) and a J.D. from Washington University in St. Louis (2013). Will is admitted to practice in New York (2015) and in Massachusetts (2013).

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Prior to joining BFA, Franklyn served as a Team Leader on a variety of complex litigation. He was also contracted to serve as part of the team at Robbins Geller



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Prior to joining BFA, Chris was a Data Analytics Manager at a securities litigation firm, where he managed a team of analysts providing portfolio monitoring services to the Firm's client base, and also a Research Analyst at the Goal Group of Companies, a global leader in class action recovery services. Chris began his career at a prominent claims administrator. During his time there, he processed electronically filed claims from leading financial institutions, and advised the company's software developers about what fields to include and how to structure their secure claim filing website for institutional investors.

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